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DIRECTORS' NOTES

A note from the Founders and Directors of SF Sketchfest:

Welcome to the beginning of the second decade of SF Sketchfest! While we were busy trying to get used to the fact that we made it to our 10th festival last year, we suddenly found ourselves face-to-face with the somewhat daunting task of programming our 11th. We asked each other what would follow a special landmark like turning ten… and we're so delighted by what came together. As always, we're incredibly grateful to the fantastic group of performers who have agreed to be a part of this year's events.

We hope you'll take a moment to page through this program to get a sense of all of the terrific artists who will be gracing our beloved San Francisco with their considerable talents. What we hear, time and time again from these performers, is that San Francisco audiences are the best in the world. After eleven years of producing SF Sketchfest, watching it grow because you made it possible, we couldn't agree more.

Our festival also simply could not exist without our phenomenal staff and volunteers. Their tireless enthusiasm and dedication truly inspires and motivates us each year.

We remain committed to bringing to San Francisco the very best and brightest in comedy-- be it sketch, stand-up, improv, films or music! We hope you'll continue to join us as we celebrate them all.

—David Owen, Cole Stratton and Janet Varney

Cole Stratton, Janet Varney, David Owen

TRIBUTES
SF Sketchfest Tribute

EDDIE IZZARD

In Conversation

JAN 25, 8PM AT THE PALACE OF FINE ARTS THEATRE

SF Sketchfest is thrilled to honor Eddie Izzard with an SF Sketchfest Tribute, which highlights comedic minds that have had a profound influence on the culture and on the craft of comedy.

Already one of the most acclaimed comics of his generation, Eddie Izzard is developing an equally stellar reputation as a film, television and stage actor. Izzard will next be seen in the buccaneer classic *Treasure Island* starring as Long John Silver. Recent film roles include *Cars 2*, *Valkyrie* and *Across the Universe*.

Izzard's documentary *Believe: The Eddie Izzard Story* received an Emmy® nomination in the category of "Outstanding Nonfiction Special."

One of the foremost stand-ups of his generation, Izzard's bizarre, tangential, absurd, and surreal comic narratives are lauded for their creativity and wit. His acclaimed shows include *Stripped*, *Dress to Kill* and *Glorious*.

In 2009, Izzard ran 1,100 miles in 51 days to benefit Sport Relief. Izzard raised $250,000 for the charity, which helps the less fortunate in Britain and in poor countries worldwide.

Previous Tribute recipients are Garry Shandling & Alan Zweibel; Candice Bergen & Diane English; Jim Abrahams, David Zucker & Jerry Zucker; Conan O'Brien; The State; The Kids in the Hall; Paul Reubens; David Cross & Bob Odenkirk; Dana Carvey; and Amy Sedaris.

Co-presented by Midnight Mass

TRIBUTES
SF Sketchfest Tribute

UPRIGHT CITIZENS BRIGADE

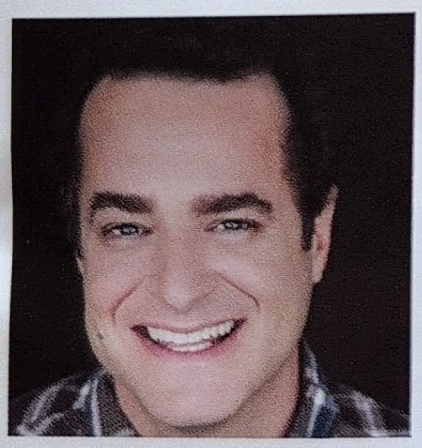
Matt Besser, Amy Poehler, Ian Roberts and Matt Walsh
In Conversation with Andy Richter
JAN 22, 5PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB

SF Sketchfest is honored to pay tribute to the founders of the influential Upright Citizens Brigade: Matt Besser, Amy Poehler, Ian Roberts and Matt Walsh, who will sit down for an in-depth conversation with friend and collaborator Andy Richter about their unique place in the comedy cosmos, as performers and creators of their own acclaimed Comedy Central series and founders of the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre. The UCB Theatre has two locations in New York City and one in Los Angeles, and has become the breeding ground for a whole new generation of comedy performers and writers. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear from four of the greatest sketch and improv performers to ever grace the SF Sketchfest stages.

Photo by Liezl Estipona

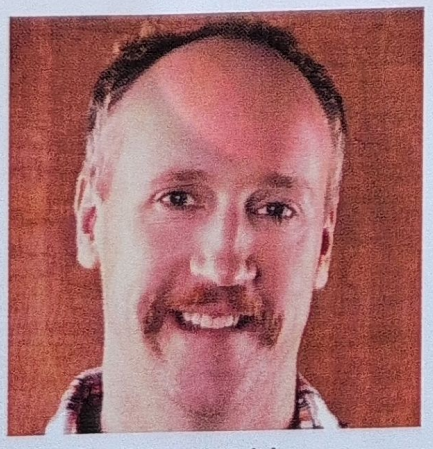
UPRIGHT CITIZENS BRIGADE ASSSSCAT

JAN 21, 10:30PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE


Matt Besser

Amy Poehler

Ian Roberts


Matt Walsh

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ASSSSCAT is the Upright Citizens Brigade's weekly long-form improv show. For this special edition, the four founders (Matt Besser, Amy Poehler, Ian Roberts and Matt Walsh) will be joined by longtime UCB Theatre performer Chad Carter and guest monologist Joe Lo Truglio (*The State*), on the intimate Eureka Theatre stage for one show only.

BIG NIGHTS

WET HOT AMERICAN SUMMER: THE LIVE RADIO PLAY

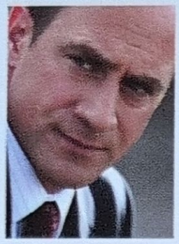
with Michael Ian Black, Joe Lo Truglio, Ken Marino, Christopher Meloni, Marguerite Moreau, Amy Poehler, Paul Rudd, Molly Shannon, Michael Showalter, David Wain and surprise guests

JAN 21, 5PM AT MARINES' MEMORIAL THEATRE

Michael Ian Black

Joe Lo Truglio

Ken Marino


Christopher Meloni

Marguerite Moreau

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Paul Rudd

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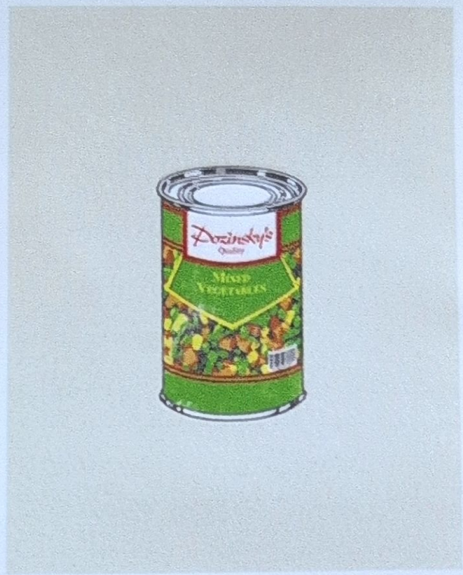

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In *Wet Hot American Summer*: The Live Radio Play, the original creators and cast of the classic absurdist summer camp film will reprise their roles for a one-night-only performance of the script, done in the style of a classic radio play-- complete with live music and sound effects. Director David Wain and his co-screenwriter and leading man Michael Showalter will be joined by their fellow cast members, with special surprise guest "understudies" filling out the evening. This very special event is presented by SF Sketchfest and Acker & Blacker, creators of The Thrilling Adventure Hour.

W00TSTOCK: FOUNDERS' NIGHT

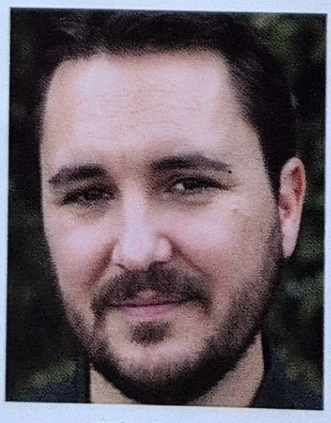
with Adam Savage, Wil Wheaton and Paul and Storm

JAN 29, 7:30PM AT MARINES' MEMORIAL THEATRE

The epic salute to nerdery known as w00tstock comes to SF Sketchfest for the first time for this special w00tstock Founders' Night featuring co-creators Adam Savage (*Mythbusters*), musical comedy duo Paul and Storm (*Da Vinci's Notebook*) and actor/author/blogger Wil Wheaton (*Stand by Me*). It's an evening of songs, readings, comedy, demonstrations, short films, and other clever widgets born from and dedicated to the enthusiasms, obsessions, trials and joys of geek pride.

Co-presented by Amoeba Music and the Bay Area Science Festival

Adam Savage


Wil Wheaton

Paul and Storm

BIG NIGHTS
SF Sketchfest Presents

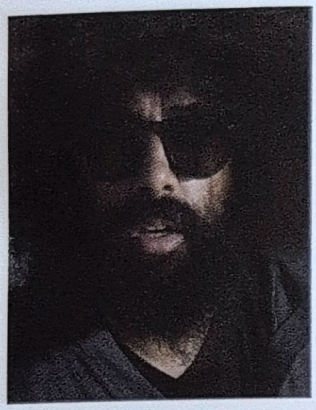
REGGIDENCY *a Reggie Watts series*

PART 1: REGGIE WATTS SOLO: JUST THE MUSIC
JAN 31, 8PM AT YOSHI'S SAN FRANCISCO

PART 2: REGGIE WATTS + GARFUNKEL & OATES: THE COMEDY
FEB 1, 8PM AT MEZZANINE, Ages 21+

PART 3: REGGIE WATTS + ROBERT GLASPER: THE JAZZ COLLABORATION
FEB 2, 8PM AT YOSHI'S OAKLAND

PART 4: REGGIE WATTS + SILENT FILM: AN IMPROVISED SCORING
FEB 3, MIDNIGHT AT THE ROXIE THEATRE



Reggie Watts

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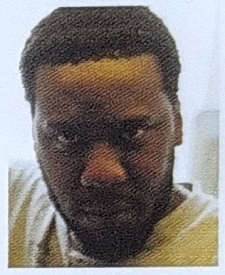
SF Sketchfest showcases the versatility of Reggie Watts in four completely different formats and venues. A vocalist, beatboxer, musician, comedian and improviser, Watts wows audiences with his unpredictable performances which are created on-the-spot using only his formidable voice and looping pedals. "The most wildly inventive new talent of the past five years." – *LA Weekly*

Garfunkel & Oates

Garfunkel and Oates is a comedy/folk duo made up of actresses Riki Lindhome and Kate Micucci. They've appeared on *The Tonight Show* and have released two albums – *All Over Your Face* and *Music Songs*.



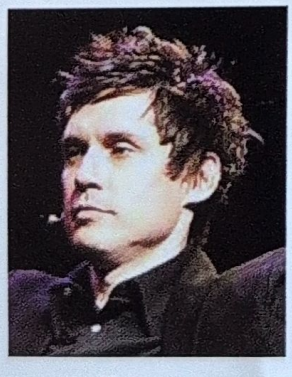
Robert Glasper

Robert Glasper has one foot planted firmly in jazz and the other in hip-hop and R&B. "It's a short list of jazz pianists who have the wherewithal to drop a J Dilla reference into a Thelonious Monk cover, but not many jazz pianists are Robert Glasper." – *Los Angeles Times*. Don't miss Glasper's upcoming performances at The New Parish and Brick & Mortar in March. *Co-presented by Noise Pop and YBCA*

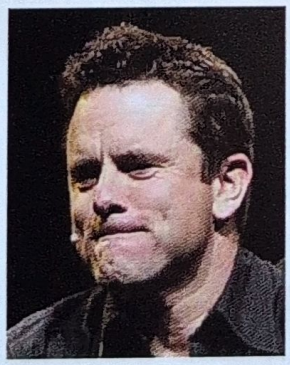
DREW CAREY'S IMPROV-A-GANZA

with Drew Carey, Jeff B. Davis, Chip Esten, Greg Proops and Ryan Stiles
JAN 27-28, 8PM AT MARINES' MEMORIAL THEATRE

Drew Carey

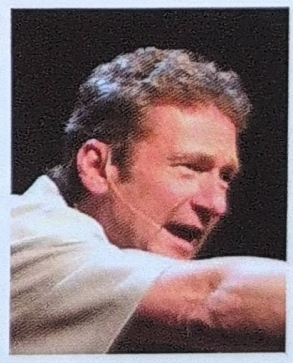


Jeff B. Davis



Chip Esten

Greg Proops



Ryan Stiles

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Drew Carey's Improv-A-Ganza is a new improvisation comedy show featuring many of the performers from the cult comedy show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* It also features performers from *Drew Carey's Green Screen Show* and *The Drew Carey Show*, along with a few new faces and some special guest stars. This engagement's cast includes Drew Carey, Ryan Stiles, Greg Proops, Chip Esten, Jeff B. Davis and Bob Derkach as the musical director.

Co-presented by the San Francisco Improv Festival

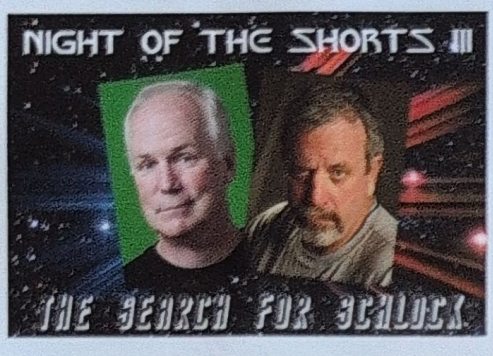
FILM EVENTS

SF Sketchfest Opening Night:

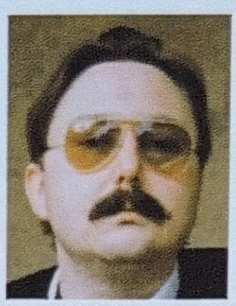
RIFFTRAX PRESENTS NIGHT OF THE SHORTS III: THE SEARCH FOR SCHLOCK

with Bill Corbett and Kevin Murphy from *Mystery Science Theater 3000*
and guest riffers David Cross, John Hodgman, Bruce McCulloch, Paul F. Tompkins, Cole Stratton and Janet Varney

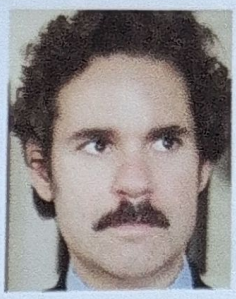
JAN 19, 8PM AT THE CASTRO THEATRE



David Cross


John Hodgman

Bruce McCulloch


Paul F. Tompkins

The 11th annual festival kicks off Opening Night with RiffTrax Presents Night of the Shorts III: The Search for Schlock. Join us for an evening of the worst short educational films ever made, accompanied by live commentary by Kevin Murphy, Bill Corbett and their very special guest riffers. *Co-presented by the San Francisco Film Society*

*M*A*S*H:* CELEBRATING ROBERT ALTMAN

with Elliott Gould, Sally Kellerman and Kathryn Altman

FEB 4, 5PM AT THE CASTRO THEATRE

Elliott Gould

Sally Kellerman

SF Sketchfest is honored to present one of cinema's all-time classics, Robert Altman's *M*A*S*H*, with iconic stars and frequent Altman collaborators Elliott Gould and Sally Kellerman in attendance along with the late director's wife, Kathryn Altman. These special guests will participate in a conversation and Q&A preceding a screening of the film. Join us as we remember one of cinema's greatest filmmakers with this extraordinary film. *Co-presented by Kung Pao Kosher Comedy, San Francisco's Comedy Day, and the San Francisco Film Society*

SF Sketchfest and Midnight Mass Present

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW:

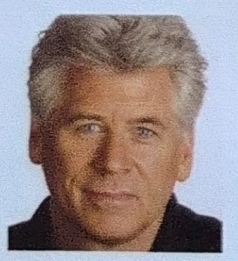
THE PEACHES CHRIST EXPERIENCE WITH VERY SPECIAL GUEST BARRY BOSTWICK

Film screening, live performance and conversation!

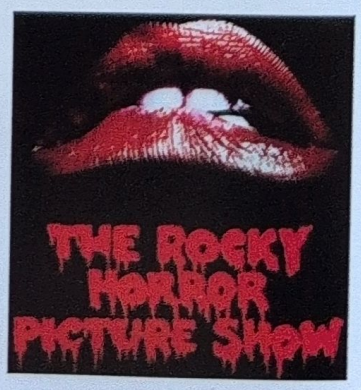
FEB 4, 9:30PM AT THE CASTRO THEATRE

Please note that while this a major celebration of the film, it is NOT an audience participation screening.

Peaches Christ


Barry Bostwick

The Rocky Horror Picture Show, the mother of all cult classic musical comedy films, comes to SF Sketchfest with very special guest Barry Bostwick and your hostess, underground drag superstar Peaches Christ. With live musical numbers by Peaches and her motley friends, a rollicking onstage gabfest with 'Brad Majors' himself, Barry Bostwick, and an extremely rare opportunity to experience a screening of *Rocky Horror* on the historic Castro big screen! Don't miss this chance to do the Time Warp again!

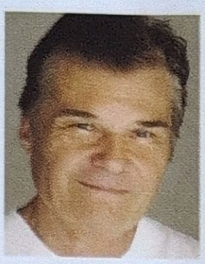


FILM EVENTS

BEST IN SHOW

Screening and Q&A with Fred Willard and Michael Hitchcock

FEB 4, 2PM AT THE CASTRO THEATRE



Fred Willard

Michael Hitchcock

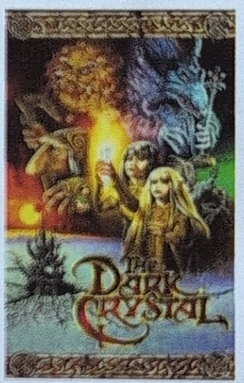
SF Sketchfest is thrilled to present this screening of Christopher Guest's beloved canine comedy with special in-person appearances by cast members Fred Willard, who won an American Comedy Award for his role as clueless dog show commentator Buck Laughlin, and Michael Hitchcock, who portrayed uptight Wiemaraner owner Hamilton Swan. The rest of the film's cast includes hilarious performances by a who's who of comedy including Catherine O'Hara, John Michael Higgins, Michael McKean, Parker Posey, Jennifer Coolidge, and Jane Lynch. Fred Willard and Michael Hitchcock will answer audience questions as part of this special event. *Co-presented by California Film Institute and SF Indiefest*

THE DARK CRYSTAL: 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

with rare behind-the-scenes footage and introduction by special guest Dave Goelz

FEB 4, 11AM AT THE CASTRO THEATRE

Dave Goelz



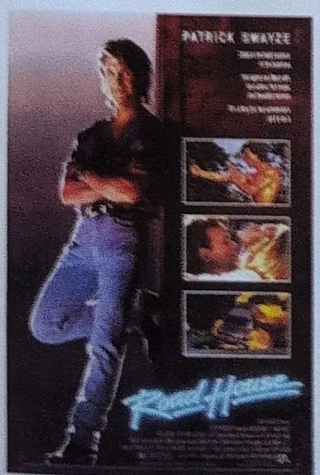
Celebrate this groundbreaking masterpiece and the spectacular imagination of conceptual artist Brian Froud, who collaborated with co-directors Jim Henson and Frank Oz and screenwriter David Odell to create a stunning film with powerful themes. This year marks the 30th Anniversary of *The Dark Crystal*, and the screening will be preceded by rare, behind-the-scenes footage and introduced by longtime Henson puppeteer Dave Goelz, who voiced and brought to life multiple characters in the film and is also known as the creator of Muppet favorite Gonzo. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see the movie on the big screen at this family-friendly matinee.

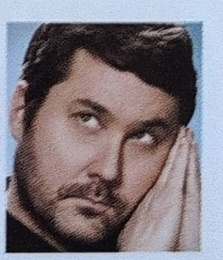
Co-presented by California Film Institute, Cartoon Art Museum, Midnight Mass and YBCA

THE BENSON MOVIE INTERRUPTION: *ROAD HOUSE*

with Doug Benson and guests

JAN 28, 4:20PM AT THE ROXIE THEATRE





Doug Benson

Join comedian Doug Benson while he and his funny special guests verbally interrupt the greatest not-great movie of all-time, *Road House*!

Doug is also known for his popular documentary *Super High Me*, his Comedy Central series *The Benson Interruption*, and multiple appearances on television including *Last Comic Standing*, *Best Week Ever*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, and for his 3 comedy albums and live show *The Marijuana-Logues*.

The 1989 action film *Road House* tells the story of bouncer Dalton's misadventures at The Double Deuce, a roadside bar in Missouri, and stars Patrick Swayze, Sam Elliott, Kelly Lynch, and Ben Gazzara.

Co-presented by SF Indiefest

THEATRE

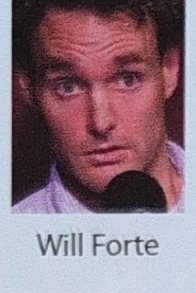
CELEBRITY AUTOBIOGRAPHY: THE NEXT CHAPTER

with Rachel Dratch, Jesse Tyler Ferguson (Saturday only), Will Forte, Florence Henderson, Laraine Newman, Eugene Pack, Dayle Reyfel, Fred Willard and more

FEB 3-4, 8PM AT MARINES' MEMORIAL THEATRE

Rachel Dratch

Jesse Tyler Ferguson

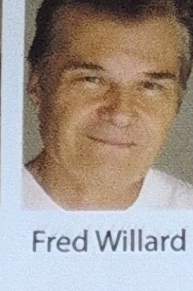

Will Forte

Florence Henderson

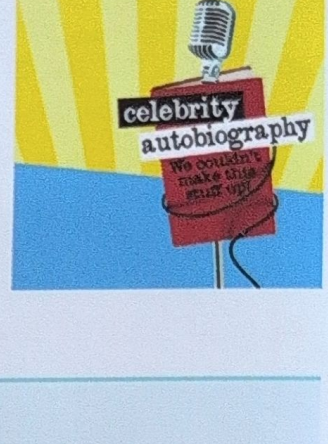
Laraine Newman

Eugene Pack

Dayle Reyfel


Fred Willard

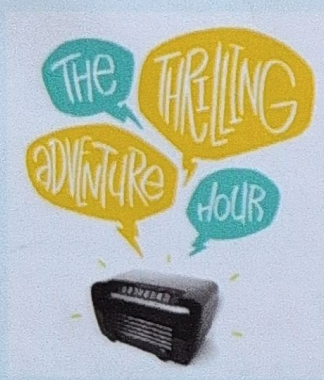
The internationally acclaimed, long-running *Celebrity Autobiography: The Next Chapter*, returns to SF Sketchfest at the Marines' Memorial Theatre with new hits and old classics. This year a fantastic trio of *Saturday Night Live* alums Rachel Dratch, Will Forte and Laraine Newman will be joined by *Modern Family's* Jesse Tyler Ferguson (Saturday only), beloved *Brady Bunch* television mom Florence Henderson, comedy legend Fred Willard and *Celebrity Autobiography's* co-creators Eugene Pack and Dayle Reyfel to read memoirs of celebs such as Snooki, Streisand, Hasselhoff, Madonna, Beyonce, Bieber and beyond! *Co-presented by Kung Pao Kosher Comedy and Litquake*



THE THRILLING ADVENTURE HOUR

with Paget Brewster, John DiMaggio, Colin Hanks, John Hodgman, Gillian Jacobs, Samm Levine, Joshua Malina, Bruce McCulloch (Saturday only), Christopher Meloni, Busy Philipps, Kevin Pollak, Andy Richter (Saturday only), Paul F. Tompkins and more

JAN 21, 9PM AND JAN 22, 2PM AT MARINES' MEMORIAL THEATRE



Sponsored by Sara Holt Design

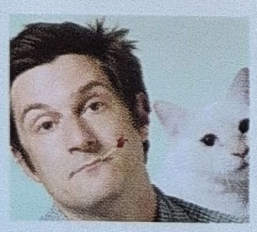
Acker & Blacker's The Thrilling Adventure and Supernatural Suspense Hour is a staged comedy production in the style of an old-time radio show that proves radio is still the king of all media! A sophisticated comedy sprinkled with affectionate homage to 1940s era radio, the Thrilling Adventure program features three non-serialized serials in each episode, as well as jingles and messages from sponsors such as Patriot Brand Cigarettes ("Good for your Constitution"). Written and produced by Ben Acker and Ben Blacker and also featuring the WorkJuice Players: Craig Cackowski, Mark Gagliardi, Marc Evan Jackson, Hal Lublin, Annie Savage and musical director Andy Paley. *Co-presented by Rooftop Comedy*

THEY CAME TOGETHER

Live screenplay table-read with co-screenwriters David Wain and Michael Showalter with guests Michael Ian Black, Rachael Harris, Zandy Hartig, Erinn Hayes, Joe Lo Truglio, Ken Marino, Christopher Meloni, Marguerite Moreau, Amy Poehler and Paul Rudd

JAN 22, 11:00AM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE

David Wain


Michael Showalter

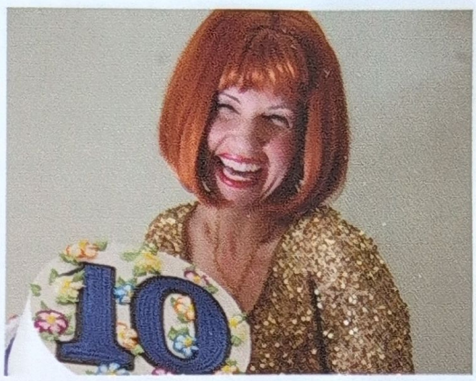
David Wain and Michael Showalter, co-screenwriters of *Wet Hot American Summer* and co-creators of *The State* present a live "table-read" of their never-produced 2003 screenplay *They Came Together*, which was a parody of 1990s romantic comedies and a follow up (of sorts) to *Wet Hot*. Joining David and Michael are an all-star cast of friends and frequent collaborators.

THEATRE/IMPROVISATION

THE GROUNDLINGS:

Beverly Winwood Presents The Actors Showcase
with Carrie Aizley, Tim Bagley, Jordan Black, Jennifer Coolidge, Steven Cragg, Nat Faxon, Rachael Harris, Michael Hitchcock, David Jahn, Phil LaMarr, Mike Loprete, Karen Maruyama, Brian Palermo, Jim Rash, Mary Jo Smith, Antoinette Spolar, Mindy Sterling, Lynn Marie Stewart, Christen Sussin and Susan Yeagley

JAN 21, 7:30PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE
JAN 22, 3PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE



The Groundlings' Beverly Winwood Actors Showcase, a comic "fauxcase," celebrates its tenth anniversary with a special run at SF Sketchfest. "Legendary" acting teacher Beverly Winwood (Susan Yeagley) presents her talented "stars of tomorrow," spotlighting Hollywood's fastest-rising stars as they interpret classic scenes from stage and film.
Co-presented by the San Francisco Improv Festival

THE GROUNDLINGS: THE BLACK VERSION

with Jordan Black, Daniele Gaither, Phil LaMarr, Keegan Michael-Key, Gary Anthony Williams and Cedric Yarbrough

JAN 22, 8PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE

The Black Version is a completely improvised comedy show at the Groundlings Theater featuring an all-African American cast. Members of this talented group are all giants of the comedy improv world with vast television credits from *MADtv* and *Saturday Night Live* to *The Boondocks* and *Reno 911!* The director asks the audience to suggest a popular film title and then the cast improvises the "black version" of that film. *Co-presented by the San Francisco Improv Festival*

THEME PARK IMPROV

with Rachel Dratch, Simon Helberg, Michael Hitchcock, Jessica Makinson, Oscar Nunez, Cole Stratton, Janet Varney and special guest monologist Bob Odenkirk

FEB 3, 10:30PM AT MARINES' MEMORIAL THEATRE

Rachel Dratch

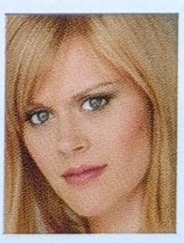
Simon Helberg

Michael Hitchcock

Jessica Makinson

Oscar Nunez

Cole Stratton


Janet Varney

The Theme Park Improv Show's improvisers wing an entire set of fast-paced long-form scenes and characters based upon stories from a special guest monologist. After three sold-out years, they return to SF Sketchfest with a fantastic new lineup!
Co-presented by Rooftop Comedy and the San Francisco Improv Festival

VARIETY

SF SKETCHFEST COMEDY NIGHTLIFE AT THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

with Thomas Lennon & Robert Ben Garant, Greg Proops: Smartest Man in the World Proopcast, Rick Overton, Will Franken, Kasper Hauser, Brian Malow, Convoy and more

JAN 26, 6PM-10PM AT THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES Ages 21+

Kasper Hauser

After a wildly successful event in August, SF Sketchfest returns to the Academy, this time welcoming *Night at the Museum* co-screenwriters Thomas Lennon and Robert Ben Garant; Greg Proops (performing stand-up as well as presenting his acclaimed 'Proopcast,' The Smartest Man in the World); comedians Rick Overton, Will Franken and Brian Malow; the amazing Los Angeles improvisational troupe Convoy; and the brilliantly absurd conceptual sketch comedians Kasper Hauser giving fake docent tours of the African Hall. DJs Shindog and Andy T. from New Wave City, organizers of the city's top 80s dance party, will be spinning throughout the night. NightLife at the California Academy of Sciences features music, creatures and cocktails every Thursday for guests ages 21 and over. *Co-presented by the Bay Area Science Festival*

STELLA: THE CLASSIC NIGHTCLUB SHOW

Michael Ian Black, Michael Showalter and David Wain with surprise guests and house band Release the Sunbird featuring Zach Rogue of Rogue Wave

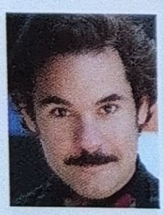
JAN 22, 8PM AT MEZZANINE Ages 21+

SF Sketchfest and Mezzanine are thrilled to host a rare Stella reunion with special surprise guest comedians and live music by Release the Sunbird featuring Zach Rogue. Michael Ian Black, Michael Showalter and David Wain have been writing, producing, and performing comedy together and apart for over twenty years. They helped create the sketch comedy troupe The State, which went on to a successful television run on MTV, and now each have successful solo careers as writers, directors and performers of comedy. Tonight's show recalls the early "Nightclub" days of Stella, when they hosted a weekly showcase for alternative and mainstream comedy. *Co-presented by Amoeba Music and Noise Pop*

THE PAUL F. TOMPKINS SHOW

with Judy Greer, John Hodgman and musical guest Ted Leo

JAN 22, 7PM & 9PM AT YOSHI'S SAN FRANCISCO


Paul F Tompkins

Judy Greer

John Hodgman

Ted Leo

A yearly favorite at SF Sketchfest, The Paul F. Tompkins Show is a variety show for the 21st Century. Neither a parody of, nor a slavish re-creation of, "olde-tyme sho-biz," The Paul F. Tompkins Show combines comedy and music in a contemporary fashion. So... sorry, plate-spinning fans!

Paul welcomes friends Judy Greer (*Arrested Development*), John Hodgman (actor and acclaimed author of the *COMPLETE WORLD KNOWLEDGE* trilogy), musical guest Ted Leo (of the indie rock outfit Ted Leo & The Pharmacists), and, as always, Eban Schletter and his band.

VARIETY
Adult Swim Presents

DELOCATED WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM VARIETY SHOW

Jon Glaser with guests Andy Blitz, David Cross, Brett Gelman, Jessi Klein, Eugene Mirman, Paul Rudd and musical guest Ben Gibbard from Death Cab for Cutie

JAN 21, 10:30PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB

"Jon"

"Jon" from Adult Swim's *Delocated* hosts a night of both anonymous and non-anonymous music and entertainment. Join Jon and his guests as they celebrate the kick-off of the hit show's third season.

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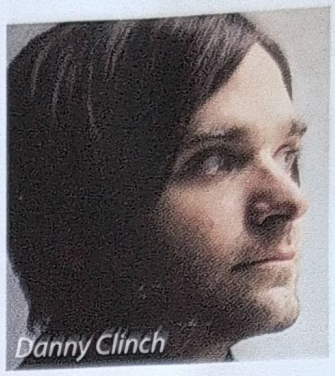
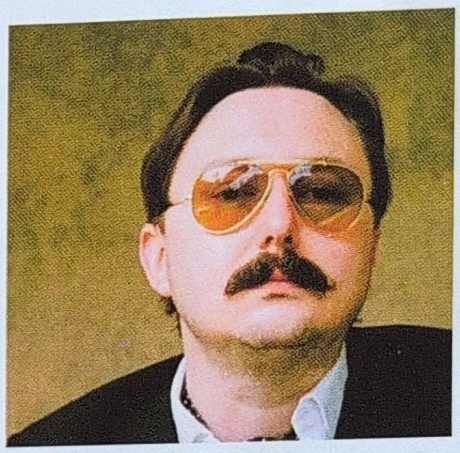


Ben Gibbard

JOHN HODGMAN: AN EVENING OF MY EXPERTISE

with special guests Dana Gould, Kasper Hauser and more

JAN 20, 8PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB



John Hodgman

John Hodgman is the author of two previous books of COMPLETE WORLD KNOWLEDGE, both *New York Times* Bestsellers. In 2005, *THE AREAS OF MY EXPERTISE* covered subjects as diverse as the secrets of the Loch Ness Monster; the nine US presidents who had hooks for hands; the nicknames and mottoes of the 51 United States; and a list of 700 traditional hobo nicknames. *MORE INFORMATION THAN YOU REQUIRE* followed in 2008 with information on how to rid your house of a Scottish Terrier infestation; how to win at poker and hermit crab racing; a day-by-day history of the past; and a list of 700 traditional mole-man nicknames. *THAT IS ALL* is John Hodgman's final book of complete world knowledge, covering such subjects as wine, sports, and the end of the world. It was published in November of 2011. *Co-presented by Bullseye with Jesse Thorn*

PRETTY GOOD FRIENDS

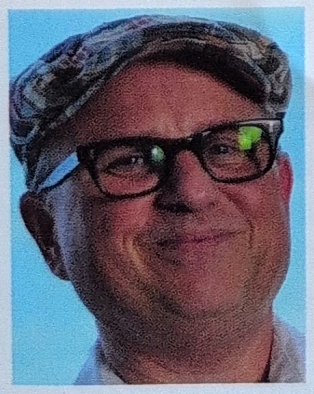
PART ONE: Eugene Mirman with Bobcat Goldthwait, Dana Gould, Michael Showalter, Paul F. Tompkins and more

JAN 20, 10:30PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB

PART TWO: Eugene Mirman with Matt Besser, Michael Ian Black, Ron Funches, Jon Glaser, Bobcat Goldthwait and musical guest Ben Gibbard from Death Cab for Cutie

JAN 21, 8:00PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB

Eugene Mirman



Bobcat Goldthwait

PRETTY GOOD FRIENDS

Pretty Good Friends is a Brooklyn-based comedy show produced and curated by long-time collaborators Eugene Mirman, Julie Smith and Caroline Creaghead. The show is an intimate evening of innovative standup comedy and polished chaos that sometimes includes short films or music, and the occasional pig roast. *Co-presented by Rooftop Comedy*

VARIETY

JON BENJAMIN HAS A VAN LIVE

with Jon Benjamin, Leo Allen, Nathan Fielder, Dan Mintz, Chelsea Peretti and more

JAN 28, 8PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB

Jon Benjamin

Jon Benjamin takes you for a ride in his inventive, irreverent and hilarious narrative/fake news magazine comedy show, *Jon Benjamin Has a Van*. Jon brings you fresh and unique takes on stories from all across America, with every show a new adventure where Jon unwittingly becomes part of a story he's investigating. From hard hitting news to the softer side of human interest stories, Jon, and his van, are there. Hop in!

Leo Allen

Nathan Fielder

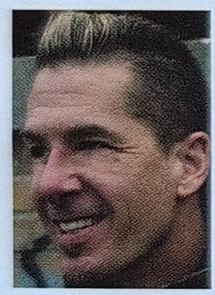
Dan Mintz

Chelsea Peretti

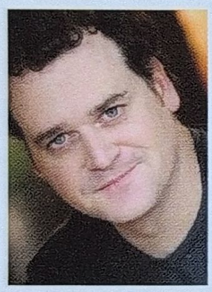
BRING THE ROCK

with Greg Behrendt and The Reigning Monarchs and guests Dave Anthony, Todd Barry, Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Will Forte and Mary Lynn Rajskub

FEB 4, 10:30PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB



Greg Behrendt



Dave Anthony

Todd Barry

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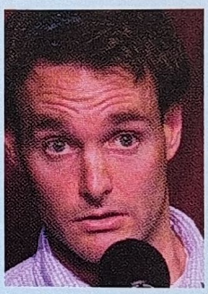
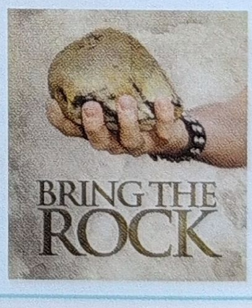


Will Forte

Mary Lynn Rajskub

What is Bring The Rock? Hosted by Greg Behrendt, Bring The Rock features compelling, confessional, and often hilarious stories from comics and musicians about the music and bands that rock them, embarrassing encounters with rock notables, and dreams of or flirtations with rock and roll glory. Each "rocktail" is followed by a KCRW-worthy cover of said band/song by Greg's band, The Reigning Monarchs.



SMUG SHIFT

with Brent Weinbach and Moshe Kasher

JAN 21, MIDNIGHT AT THE DARK ROOM

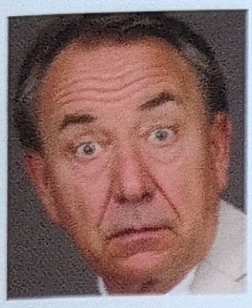
Brent Weinbach and Moshe Kasher's Smug Shift is a fun, edgy night of alternative comedy that has long been a staple of the San Francisco comedy community. Check out this super fun midnight edition at the Dark Room, featuring special surprise guest performers from the festival!

VARIETY

WILL DURST'S BIG FAT YEAR END KISS OFF COMEDY SHOW

with Will Durst, Johnny Steele, Debi Durst, Michael Bossier, Mari Magaloni and Arthur Gaus

JAN 24, 8PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE



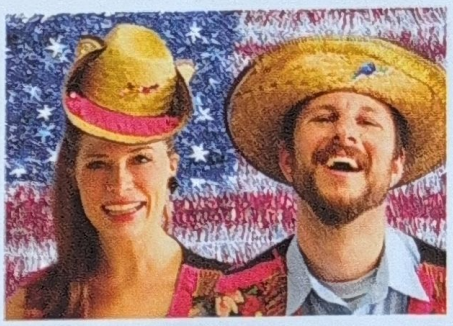
Will Durst

For the 19th year, Will Durst and his merry band of pranksters are taking their comedy extravaganza to satirize, parody, lampoon, mock, scoff, taunt, ridicule, tease, rib, kid and josh current events and do it all with a modicum of taste. The show features skits, sketches and stand-up, all focusing on events occurring during the year of 2011.

THE SPANGLERS

with Vanessa Ragland and Jamie Flam

JAN 28, 8PM AT THE PURPLE ONION



The Spanglers (Vanessa Ragland and Jamie Flam) are a "married musical singing duo" that hail from Sylmar, California, but have done shows in every city in the world (except cities in the state of Ohio). They are a "quadruple threat" in that they sing, dance, act, and are NOT satanists ("No thank you, DEVIL! We'll do this show for the GOOD man's team!").

DRENNON DAVIS: IMAGINARY RADIO PROGRAM

FEB 3, 10:30PM THE EUREKA THEATRE

From his elaborate characters and sketches, to his provocative songs and animation, Drennon has made a name for himself as one of the most innovative minds in today's comedy scene. His live performances of the Imaginary Radio Program combine live music and beat-boxing and performances by a myriad of guests.

LAUGHTER AGAINST THE MACHINE:
W. KAMAU BELL, NATO GREEN AND JANINE BRITO

Stand-up sets + Documentary clips and Q&A

FEB 2, 8PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE

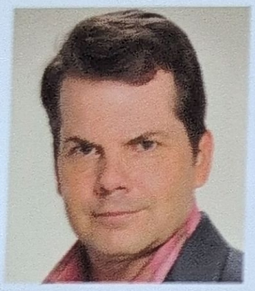
Laughter Against the Machine is a unique, issue-oriented, no holds barred show with no preconceived expectations, no party lines, and certainly no cheerleading - because they have beef with everybody, including themselves. In addition to stand-up, this show will include previews of clips from the tour documentary and a Q&A moderated by Hiya Swanhuyser.

THEATRE

BRUCE MCCULLOCH: THE PINK DOT STORIES

with musical accompaniment by Marc Capelle

JAN 20, 8PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE



Bruce McCulloch

Bruce McCulloch is a founding member of *The Kids in the Hall*, who recently returned with an eight-part miniseries called *Death Comes to Town* on CBC and IFC. Currently, he's co-creating *No Sugar Tonight* with and for Jeff Garlin. The show is for ABC, home of Bruce's short-lived and underappreciated television series *Carpoolers*.

He has written and performed several one-man shows including *Jazz Stenographers*, *Two-Headed Roommate* and *Slightly Bigger Cities*. Bruce has two spoken word/ comedy/ music CD's *Shame-based Man* and *The Drunk Baby Project*. He is currently working on a book of short pieces entitled *The Pink Dot Stories*. He's appeared several times at SF Sketchfest: with the Kids in the Hall, doing solo storytelling and with The Bruce McCulloch Project.

KELLY CARLIN: A CARLIN HOME COMPANION

Life, Love and Laughter with George

JAN 27, 8PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE

Through storytelling, classic video footage, and family memorabilia, Kelly Carlin, the only child of iconoclastic comedian George Carlin, chronicles over forty years of her life with her famous father. Kelly, host of Waking from the American Dream podcast, author, and well respected storyteller, reveals what it was like to be swept up into the life and career of her father from his early days as a straight comic through his transformation into a counter culture hero and iconoclastic social commentator to the very last days of his life.

Kelly Carlin

Join us for this funny, poignant and honest look at the man who not only redefined 20th century comedy, but inspired generations of comedy fans with such classic routines as Hippie Dippie Weatherman, Class Clown, The Seven Dirty Words, A Place for Your Stuff, and Modern Man.

AN EVENING WITH ANN MAGNUSON: THE DRAWING ROOM APOCALYPSE

A Salon des Beaux Arts for the Fin du Monde 2012

JAN 24-25, 8PM AT YOSHI'S OAKLAND

Ann Magnuson

Because the Mayan calendar promises the world shall end in 2012, Ann Magnuson will celebrate early. Her first 'farewell' tour to prepare for the Apocalypse will feature 'end of the world' songs, appropriately themed spoken word and bona-fide poetry in a contemporary twist on "Victorian Drawing Room Entertainment" with original songs, golden nuggets from psycho-sexual-psychedelic alt-cult band Bongwater, and variations on songs by Jacques Brel, Kurt Weill, Bessie Smith, David Bowie, Skeeter Davis and the Doors (in a special Tribute to Occupy Oakland). With guests Kristian Hoffman and Joseph Berardi. Celebrate the beginning of the end in true Victorian style.

THEATRE

CINEMADNESS WITH BILL CORBETT AND JOSEPH SCRIMSHAW

and guest Kevin Murphy

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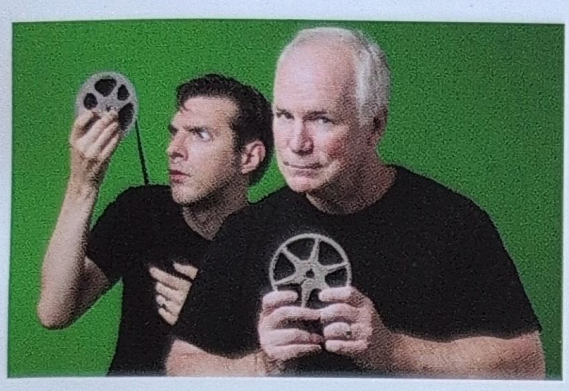


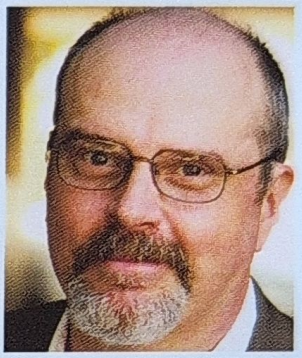
A comedy/variety show about the movies--live on stage! Bill Corbett (*Mystery Science Theater 3000* and RiffTrax) and Joseph Scrimshaw ("King of Comedy" - *MN Monthly*) obsess over every aspect of the movie experience! Featuring comedy, music, an audience quiz, special guests, and ironically, no actual movies whatsoever!

Co-presented by Rooftop Comedy

RICK OVERTON: SUBSTITUTE GLOBAL AMBASSADOR

JAN 28, 8PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE

The Aliens have landed and they want to know what Humankind is all about. Unfortunately, Global Ambassador Harrison Keane has the flu. Enter Rick Overton, Substitute Global Ambassador! Without warning, Rick must explain words projected on a screen behind him, improvising his ass off to keep his cover as a representative of all of Earth!

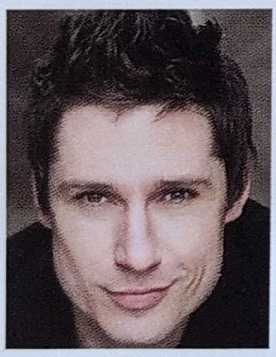


Rick Overton

HARMONTOWN WITH DAN HARMON AND JEFF B. DAVIS

JAN 29, 8PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE

Dan Harmon



Jeff B. Davis

Attend a town meeting in a land free of brevity, where Mayor Dan Harmon (creator of *Community*) and Comptroller Jeff B. Davis (*Whose Line is it Anyway?*) take another small, drunken step toward colonizing the moon. Evening may include ineffectual rants, songs, shameful stories, special guests, forehead sweat and repeated exposure to the phrases "like," uh," "sort of" and "you know."

Co-presented by Rooftop Comedy

WILL FRANKEN: THE BURDEN OF BEAUTY: PROFESSOR PRETTY'S PRIMER

FEB 3, 10:30PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE

Armed with what *The New York Times* describes as a "highly developed sense of the absurd," Will Franken brings life's inherent weirdness to the stage, skewering a broad range of cultural strongholds and character types. Franken has been named "Best Comedian" by the *SF Weekly* and "Best Alternative to Psychedelic Drugs" by the *SF Bay Guardian*.

Will Franken

SF SKETCHFEST

VENUE KEY

The San Francisco Comedy Festival

California Academy of Sciences: ACAD
Castro Theatre: CASTRO
Cobb's Comedy Club: CC
Dark Room: DR
Eureka Theatre: ET
Hemlock Tavern: HT
Marines' Memorial Theatre: MMT
Mezzanine: MEZZ
Palace of Fine Arts Theatre: PFAT
Punch Line: PL
Purple Onion: PO
Regency Ballroom: RB
Roxie Theater: ROX
Yoshi's Oakland: YOK
Yoshi's San Francisco: YSF

SUN | JAN 22

They Came Together 11am $20 ET

Thrilling Adventure Hour 2pm $40/50 MMT

Groundlings: Beverly… 3pm $28 ET

Tribute: Upright Citizens Brigade 5pm $35 CC

Paul F. Tompkins Show 7pm & 9pm $30 YSF

Stella 8pm $28 MEZZ 21+

Groundlings: Black Version 8pm $20 ET

MON | JAN 23

No Shows

TUE | JAN 24

Ann Magnuson: The Drawing Room Apocalypse 8pm $25 YOK

Will Durst's Big Fat Year End Kiss Off Comedy Show 8pm $20 ET

WED | JAN 25

SF Sketchfest Tribute: Eddie Izzard 8pm $50 PFAT

Ann Magnuson: The Drawing Room Apocalypse 8pm $25 YOK

Everything Jamboree/ Boat/ Spiegelman/ Meehan/ Backstage Paige 8pm $15 ET

SUN | JAN 29

Doug Loves Movies 4:20pm $20 CC

w00tstock: Founders' Night with Adam Savage, Wil Wheaton and Paul and Storm 7:30pm $35 MMT

SModcast: Kevin Smith and Scott Mosier 8pm $25 CC

Harmontown with Dan Harmon and Jeff B. Davis 8pm $20 ET

Bad Movie Night 8pm $15 DR

MON | JAN 30

No Shows

TUE | JAN 31

Reggidency: Reggie Watts solo 8pm $25 YSF

Comedy Noir presents The XXX Factor/ Snob Theater 8pm $15 ET

WED | FEB 1

Reggidency: Reggie Watts + Garfunkel & Oates 8pm $25 MEZZ 21+

Killing My Lobster/ Thunderstood 8pm $20 ET

Tickets and Information at www.sfsketchfest.com

All performers and lineups are subject to change

THUR | JAN 19

OPENING NIGHT
RiffTrax Presents: Night of the Shorts III: The Search for Schlock with Bill Corbett & Kevin Murphy and guests David Cross, John Hodgman, Bruce McCulloch, Paul F. Tompkins, Cole Stratton and Janet Varney 8pm $30 CASTRO

FRI | JAN 20

John Hodgman 8pm $28 CC

Bruce McCulloch: Pink Dot 8pm $25 ET

Dozens: Funches/Thune 8pm $20 PL

Porchlight 8pm $20 PO

Mission Showcase 8pm $15 DR

Mission Showcase 10pm $15 DR

Dozens: Kasher/Klein 10:15pm $20 PL

Pretty Good Friends 10:30pm $28 CC

CineMadness 10:30pm $20 ET

Rooftop Showcase 10:30pm $15 PO

SAT | JAN 21

Eagleheart 1pm $20 CC
Superego 1pm $20 ET
Kevin Pollak's Chat Show 3pm $20 PL
Wet Hot American Summer 5pm $60 MMT
MAME THAT CHUNE 5:30pm $10 HT
Groundlings: Beverly… 7:30pm $28 ET
Pretty Good Friends 8pm $28 CC
Dozens: Kasher/Klein 8pm $20 PL
Porchlight 8pm $20 PO
Mission Showcase 8pm $15 DR
Thrilling Adventure 9pm $40/50 MMT
Mission Showcase 10pm $15 DR
Dozens: Funches/Thune 10:15pm $20 PL
Delocated 10:30pm $35 CC
UCB ASSSSCAT 10:30pm $35 ET
Rooftop Showcase 10:30pm $15 PO
Smug Shift Midnight $15 DR

THUR | JAN 26

NightLife at California Academy of Sciences 6pm $12 ACAD 21+

Whitest Kids U'Know 8pm $20 CC

Colin Mahan/ Harmon Leon/ Scott Vermeire/ Backstage Paige 8pm $15 ET

Mission Showcase 8pm $15 DR

FRI | JAN 27

Drew Carey's Improv-A-Ganza 8pm $55/65/75 MMT

Lennon/Garant/Kenney 8pm $25 CC

Carlin Home Companion 8pm $20 ET

Dozens: Glaser/Walsh 8pm $20 PL

Leggero & Peretti 8pm $20 PO

Mission Showcase 8pm $15 DR

Mission Showcase 10pm $15 DR

Dozens: Kaplan/Wang 10:15pm $20 PL

Set List 10:30pm $25 CC

RISK! 10:30pm $22 ET

Rooftop Showcase 10:30pm $15 PO

SAT | JAN 28

Pop My Culture 1pm $20 ET
Greg Proops Proopcast 3pm $20 PL
Benson Movie Interrupt 4:20pm $20 ROX
Nerdist 8pm $30 RB
Drew Carey Improv 8pm $55/65/75 MMT
Jon Benjamin 8pm $25 CC
Rick Overton/KML 8pm $20 ET
Dozens: Kaplan/Wang 8pm $20 PL
Spanglers 8pm $15 PO
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Mission Showcase 10pm $15 DR
Dozens: Glaser/Walsh 10:15pm $20 PL
Meltdown 10:30pm $25 CC
RISK! 10:30pm $22 ET
Rooftop Showcase 10:30pm $15 PO
Joke-e-oke Midnight $15 DR

THUR | FEB 2

Reggidency: Reggie Watts + Robert Glasper 8pm $25 YOK

Todd Barry/Rob Delaney/ Mary Lynn Rajskub 8pm $20 CC

Laughter Against The Machine 8pm $15 ET

Walking the Room 8pm $20 PL

Mission Showcase 8pm $15 DR

FRI | FEB 3

Celebrity Autobiography 8pm $50 MMT

Mapping the Heavens 8pm $25 CC

Running Your Trap 8pm $20 ET

Dozen: Feinstein/Holmes 8pm $20 PL

Previously Secret Info 8pm $15 PO

Mission Showcase 8pm $15 DR

Mission Showcase 10pm $15 DR

Dozen: Kinane/Murphy 10:15pm $20 PL

Theme Park 10:30pm $35 MMT

WTF with Marc Maron 10:30pm $25 CC

D. Davis/W. Franken 10:30pm $20 ET

Rooftop Showcase 10:30pm $15 PO

Reggidency: Reggie Watts + Silent Film Midnight $25 ROX

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The Dark Crystal 11am $10 CASTRO
Best In Show 2pm $20 CASTRO
Never Not Funny 2pm $20 ET
*M*A*S*H* 5pm $25 CASTRO
Murphy Presents Kirkman 5pm $20 PL
Celebrity Autobiography 8pm $50 MMT
Marc Maron stand-up 8pm $25 CC
Odenkirk/B-day Boys $20 8pm ET
Dozen: Kinane/Murphy 8pm $20 PL
Friday Forty (on Sat) 8pm $15 PO
Mission Showcase 8pm $15 DR
Rocky Horror 9:30pm $20 CASTRO
Mission Showcase 10pm $15 DR
Dozen: Feinstein/Holmes 10:15pm $20 PL
Bring the Rock 10:30pm $25 CC
Odenkirk/B-day Boys 10:30pm $20 ET
Rooftop Showcase 10:30pm $15 PO

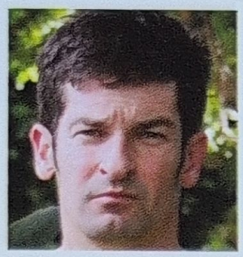
PANELS/TALK SHOWS

AN EVENING WITH THOMAS LENNON, ROBERT BEN GARANT AND KERRI KENNEY-SILVER

in conversation with Matt Mira

JAN 27, 8PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB

Thomas Lennon



Robert Ben Garant

Kerri Kenney-Silver

Returning for their 4th year at SF Sketchfest, Thomas Lennon, Robert Ben Garant and Kerri Kenney-Silver of *Reno 911!* and *The State* fame will host an evening of entertainment focusing on the hilarious trials and tribulations of working in television, including rare footage and clips!

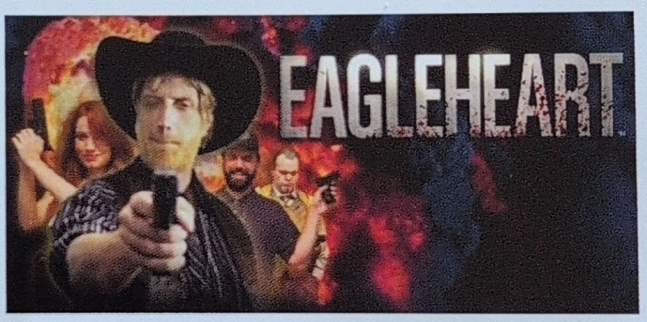
Adult Swim Presents

AN AFTERNOON WITH *EAGLEHEART*

with Chris Elliott, co-creators Michael Koman and Andrew Weinberg, co-executive producer and director Jason Woliner and actor/writers Brett Gelman, Andy Blitz and Maria Thayer in conversation with Eugene Mirman

JAN 21, 1PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB

Chris Elliot



Fans of the Adult Swim hit *Eagleheart* are invited to see the show's titular character, played by screenwriter and film star Chris Elliott (*Get A Life*, *Cabin Boy*, *There's Something About Mary*), live in person as he discusses the show with fellow actor/writers Brett Gelman, Andy Blitz and Maria Thayer, alongside the show's creators Michael Koman & Andrew Weinberg and co-executive producer Jason Woliner in this lively and humorous panel hosted by SF Sketchfest favorite Eugene Mirman.

Co-presented by Bullseye with Jesse Thorn and Rooftop Comedy

MORGAN MURPHY PRESENTS JEN KIRKMAN AND OTHER GUESTS

A Talk Show also featuring Laraine Newman

FEB 4, 5PM AT THE PUNCH LINE

Join acclaimed stand-up comedian and Emmy-nominated writer Morgan Murphy, named one of ten top "Comics to Watch" by *Variety* magazine, as she welcomes writer, comedian, and roundtable regular on *Chelsea Lately*, Jen Kirkman. Together, two of the brightest minds in comedy host a lively talk show featuring *Saturday Night Live* alum Laraine Newman and more to be announced.

Morgan Murphy

Jen Kirkman

GAME SHOWS/INTERACTIVE

RUNNING YOUR TRAP WITH JIMMY PARDO

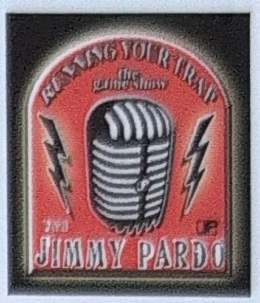
with guests Pat Francis, Simon Helberg, Cole Stratton and Janet Varney

FEB 3, 8PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE

Jimmy Pardo

Running Your Trap: The Game Show. Come watch what hundreds are already raving about... Jimmy Pardo's conversational interview style transformed into a game show! Contestants compete to discover which weird, strange and funny facts apply to our comedian panelists.

Co-presented by A Special Thing



FRIDAY FORTY (ON SATURDAY) WITH DAVE HOLMES AND SCOTT GIMPLE

FEB 4, 8PM AT THE PURPLE ONION

Friday Forty (this time on Saturday) is among the finest current affairs drinking game sketch comedy shows. 3 contestants face 40 questions about the events of the last 7 days, while we all drink 40-ouncers of delicious, delicious beer. Winner gets $40. Holmes and Gimple will guide you through the news of the week and, if necessary, hold your hair back.

JOKE-E-OKE WITH HARMON LEON

and guest judges Paco Romane and Brendon Walsh

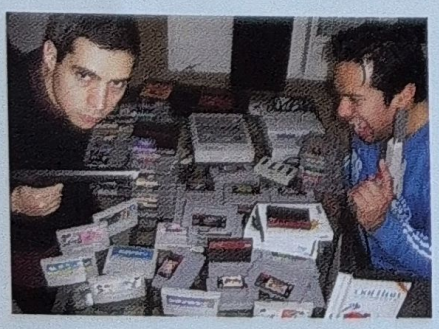
JAN 28, MIDNIGHT AT THE DARK ROOM

Joke-e-oke is like karaoke but with standup comedy material, where you, the audience, get to be the stars in a three-round game show. Conceived by the comedy collective Angry Waiter 3000, Joke-e-oke has been performed at Just For Laughs, Edinburgh Fringe, and alongside John Mayer and The Flaming Lips on Carnival Cruise Lines music cruises.

The Legacy Music Dance Party Presents

MAME THAT CHUNE WITH BRENT WEINBACH AND ROB F. MARTINEZ

JAN 21, 5:30PM AT THE HEMLOCK TAVERN



"Name That Tune" with video game music of the 8-bit and 16-bit era. Audience members will compete along with comedian contestants. Also, side contests: VGM Karaoke and Legacy Dance: Battle Mode. Afterwards, the DANCE PARTY begins with ONLY video game music. No remixes, covers, or adaptations of non-video game music. Just pure, original, dancy music from Nintendo, Super Nintendo, Sega Genesis, TurboGrafx-16, Game Boy, and more!

PODCASTS/TALK SHOWS

SMODCAST WITH KEVIN SMITH AND SCOTT MOSIER

JAN 29, 8PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB

Kevin Smith

Scott Mosier

Join filmmaker Kevin Smith (*Clerks*, *Chasing Amy*, *Red State*) and his long-time producing partner Scott Mosier for a live SModcast, their hit weekly podcast! Kevin and Scott hilariously riff on current events and other randomness in this not-to-be-missed live taping.

WTF WITH MARC MARON

and guests Geoff Bolt, Will Durst, Pete Holmes, Arden Myrin and Laraine Newman

FEB 3, 10:30PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB

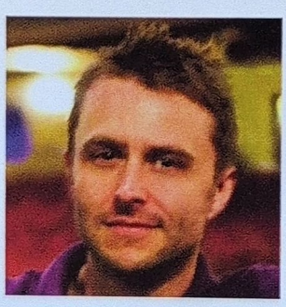
WTF with Marc Maron, which has featured in-depth interviews with comedy icons like Conan O'Brien, Louis CK, Robin Williams, Judd Apatow and Ben Stiller, premiered in September 2009 and is a complete phenomenon. The show hits #1 on the iTunes comedy charts regularly, brags over 20 million downloads to date and counting, and has been called a "must-listen" by *Vanity Fair* and *The New York Times*, among many others. Select WTF episodes began airing on public radio stations across the US in June.

SF Sketchfest and AEG Live Present

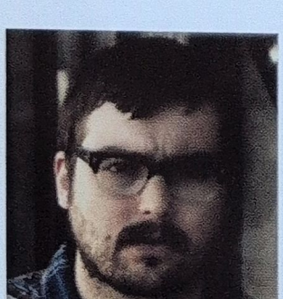
THE NERDIST PODCAST

with Chris Hardwick, Jonah Ray and Matt Mira

JAN 28, 8PM AT THE REGENCY BALLROOM



Chris Hardwick



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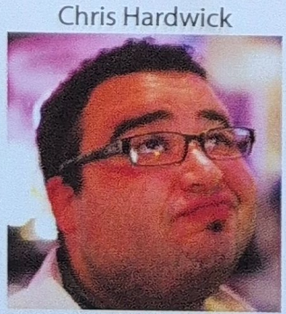


Matt Mira

Imagine, popular comic/actor/author/television personality/raconteur Chris Hardwick, celebrated funnyman Jonah Ray, and Matt Mira, noted wit and the most humorous former funeral home employee in the known universe, live on stage performing their special brand of standup comedy followed by a live exhibition of podcasting excellence. YOU CAN BE THERE. YOU SHOULD. YOU MUST.

PODCASTS/TALK SHOWS

NEVER NOT FUNNY WITH JIMMY PARDO

with Matt Belknap, Pat Francis and special guest to be announced

FEB 4, 2PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE

Jimmy Pardo

Matt Belknap

Pat Francis

Now in its tenth season, Never Not Funny is a free-flowing conversation with comedian and TV personality Jimmy Pardo. Every week, Jimmy sits down with producer Matt Belknap and a friend from the world of entertainment to share stories and laugh at life. Named one of the best podcasts of the year by the iTunes Staff, Never Not Funny has also been nominated for a Weblog Award in 2006 and a Podcast Award in 2007 and 2008 and won "Best Comedy Podcast" from Rooftop Comedy. Joining Pardo and Belknap for the SF Sketchfest edition are frequent collaborator Pat Francis and a special guest to be announced.

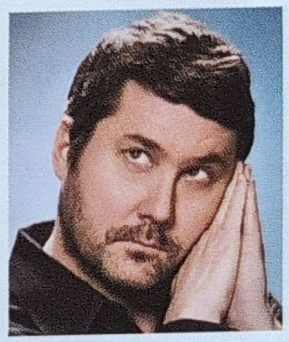
Co-presented by A Special Thing

DOUG LOVES MOVIES PODCAST

with Doug Benson and guests

JAN 29, 4:20PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB

Comedian Doug Benson (*The Benson Interruption, Last Comic Standing*) departs from stand-up with his entertainment-themed podcast Doug Loves Movies, live onstage and featuring special surprise guests. Don't miss your chance to see Doug and his friends banter about films and play the crowd-favorite Leonard Maltin game.



Doug Benson

KEVIN POLLAK'S CHAT SHOW

with Samm Levine, Jaime Fox and special guest Rachael Harris

JAN 21, 3PM AT THE PUNCH LINE

Kevin Pollak

Rachael Harris

Actor and comedian Kevin Pollak brings his acclaimed, award-winning internet talk show, The Kevin Pollak Chat Show, to SF Sketchfest for this special live episode! Pollak, known for his work in the films *The Usual Suspects*, *A Few Good Men*, *Casino*, *Willow*, *Grumpy Old Men* and countless others, showcases his interview skills chatting with the who's-who of Hollywood in this engaging show. Kevin's special guest is current Independent Spirit Award nominee, for *Natural Selection*, Rachael Harris, also known for *The Hangover.*

PODCASTS/TALK SHOWS

WALKING THE ROOM WITH GREG BEHRENDT AND DAVE ANTHONY

with special guests Patton Oswalt and Dave Holmes

FEB 2, 8PM AT THE PUNCH LINE

Greg Behrendt

Dave Anthony

Armed each week with nothing but a tape recorder and their endearingly curmudgeonly demeanors, comedians Dave Anthony and Greg Behrendt work out their issues mano-a-mano for your entertainment. The result is a series of rants that have gained a huge following. Join Greg, Dave and their guests Patton Oswalt and Dave Holmes for a live "podcuddle."

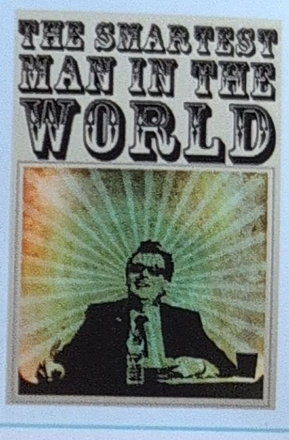
GREG PROOPS: THE SMARTEST MAN IN THE WORLD PROOPCAST

JAN 26, 6PM AT THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

JAN 28, 3PM AT THE PUNCH LINE

Greg Proops

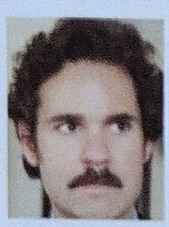
Part professorial, part crazed comedian, Proops forms the 'Proopcast' around his talent and passions. The show flows like a love letter to tangents. Greg Proops compliments his improv skills with an affable approach and an impressive knowledge of the important and the mundane. Prepare to be educated and entertained by...the Smartest Man in the World! *Co-Presented by The Bay Area Science Festival*



SUPEREGO PODCAST

with special guests Paul F. Tompkins and Erinn Hayes

JAN 21, 1PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE



Paul F. Tompkins

Erinn Hayes

In 2006, Matt Gourley and Jeremy Carter decided to record some of the stupid things they'd been saying, which led to the Superego Podcast: a collection of improvised, character-based sketches presented through the loose psychological framework of analytical Pscience™. Soon after, Mark McConville and Jeff Crocker joined and they've steadily garnered over a million downloads. Superego: Profiles In Self-Obsession!

POP MY CULTURE PODCAST WITH COLE STRATTON AND VANESSA RAGLAND

with special guest Drew Carey

JAN 28, 1PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE

Drew Carey

Named "#2 Best Comedy Podcast of the Moment" by *Rolling Stone*, PMC is a recent addition to the Nerdist Network. Stratton and Ragland discuss movies, music and celebrity gossip without all those pesky "serious" topics like politics, religion and the environment. Tune into *Fresh Air* for that. We'll just tackle the trivial watercooler stuff, ok?

STORYTELLING

PORCHLIGHT STORYTELLING WITH BETH LISICK AND ARLINE KLATTE

with guests Dayvid Figler, Caitlin Gill, Bobcat Goldthwait, Matt Gourley, Moshe Kasher and Anna Seregina

JAN 20, 8PM AT THE PURPLE ONION

with guests Janine Brito, Nato Green, Tara Jepsen, Matt Walsh and Brent Weinbach

JAN 21, 8PM AT THE PURPLE ONION

PORCH LIGHT

For the past nine years, Porchlight has been San Francisco's premier storytelling series. Each month, co-founders Beth Lisick and Arline Klatte invite six people from different backgrounds to tell ten-minute true stories. Past storytellers include some of the area's most entertaining school bus drivers, mushroom hunters, politicians, socialites, sex workers, musicians, authors, systems analysts, and social workers.

RISK! WITH KEVIN ALLISON

Live Show and Podcast! True Tales, Boldy Told.

with guests Robert Ben Garant, Nikki Glaser, Joshua Grannell, Kerri Kenney-Silver, Natasha Leggero and musical guests the Ramshackle Romeos

JAN 27, 10:30PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE

with guests Steve Agee, Myq Kaplan, Rick Overton, Vanessa Ragland, Sheng Wang and musical guests the Ramshackle Romeos

JAN 28, 10:30PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE

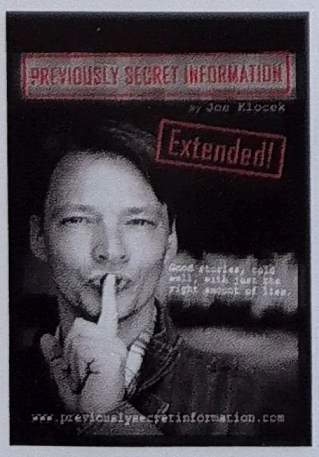
Kevin Allison

Kevin Allison of the legendary comedy group *The State* hosts this wildly uncensored show where people tell true stories they never thought they'd dare to share in public. Folks you thought you knew drop the act and you get to see them like you've never seen them before. People say RISK! is like a bolder, more unpredictable and R-Rated *This American Life*.

PREVIOUSLY SECRET INFORMATION WITH JOE KLOCEK

and guests Dave Anthony, Dhaya Lakshminarayanan, Marc Maron and Paul Myers

FEB 3, 8PM AT THE PURPLE ONION



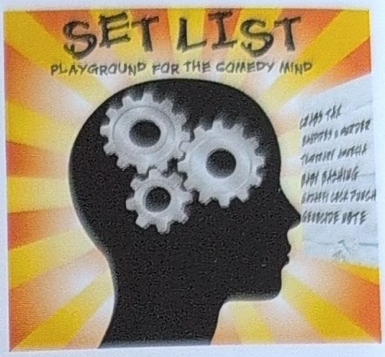
Previously Secret Information, hosted by Joe Klocek, is a modern American storytelling show for grown ups. Somewhere between the most hilarious stand-up comedy and the most revealing solo performance is the art of telling a great story. With universal themes and a personal approach, each show presents the newest breed of comedic storytellers.

STAND-UP

SET LIST: COMEDY WITHOUT A NET

with Matt Braunger, Jon Dore, Rick Overton, Eddie Pepitone, Chelsea Peretti, Greg Proops, Brendon Walsh and host Steve Agee

JAN 27, 10:30PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB



Just seconds before walking onstage, comics get a brand new, never before seen "set list" of topics handed to them, and they walk onstage and perform as if it is their own. Created by Paul Provenza and Troy Conrad, it's a show that is for comics as much as audiences—comics are put in hot water, and make a delicious tea for the crowd. What does this "comedy without a net" approach create? A playground for the comedy mind.

Matt Braunger

Jon Dore

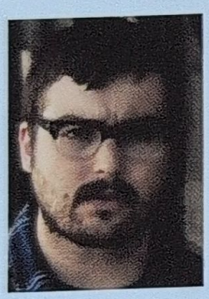
Co-presented by San Francisco's Comedy Day

THE MELTDOWN: KUMAIL NANJIANI & JONAH RAY

with Steve Agee, Leo Allen, Matt Braunger, Jon Dore, Natasha Leggero, Dan Mintz and Eddie Pepitone

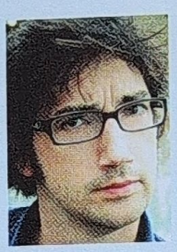
JAN 28, 10:30PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB

Kumail Nanjiani


Jonah Ray

Sound the alarm! We have a comedy meltdown! Hosts Kumail Nanjiani and Jonah Ray welcome a spectacular line-up of stand-up comedians for this San Francisco version of their popular show at Meltdown Comics in Los Angeles.

Steve Agee


Leo Allen

Natasha Leggero

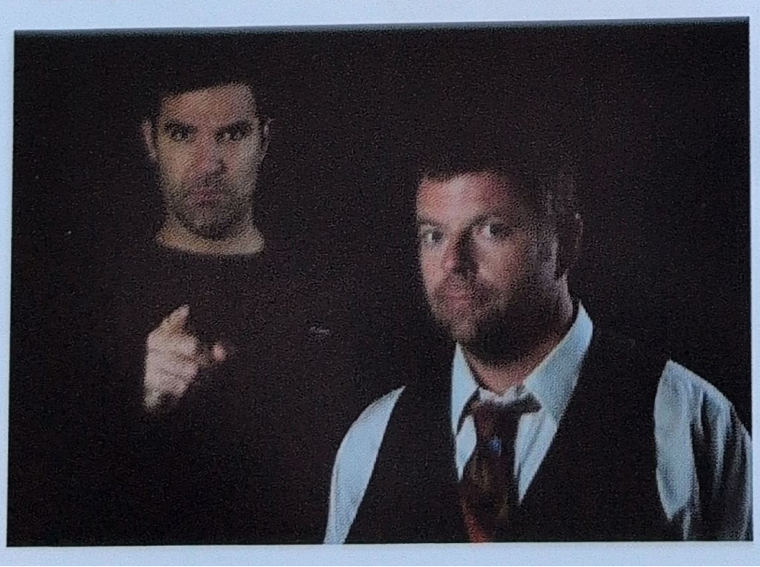
Dan Mintz

Co-presented by Cartoon Art Museum and San Francisco's Comedy Day

MAPPING THE HEAVENS WITH ROB DELANEY AND DAVE HOLMES

and guests Rob Baedeker, Todd Barry, Greg Behrendt, Mary Lynn Rajskub and more

FEB 3, 8PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB



Mapping The Heavens is a variety show for the modern age! Join hosts Dave Holmes and Twitter king Rob Delaney as they guide you and their brilliant guests through songs, standup and ethnic dancing towards a higher goal.

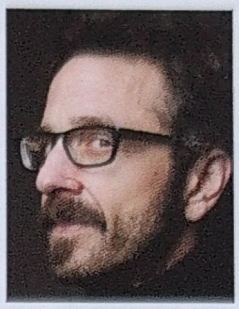
STAND-UP

MARC MARON: AN EVENING OF STAND-UP

with Jen Kirkman and host Chris Garcia

FEB 4, 8PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB

Host of the hit podcast WTF, stand-up legend Marc Maron has been writing and performing raw, honest and thought-provoking comedy for print, stage, radio and television for over fifteen years. Jen Kirkman is a writer and roundtable regular on The E! Network's *Chelsea Lately* and is the narrator of HBO's *Drunk History*, which received the Jury Prize for "Best Short Film" at the Sundance Film Festival in 2010. Hosted by Chris Garcia ("Top 5 Comedians to Watch" – *San Jose Mercury News*).



Marc Maron

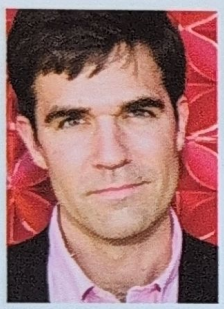
Jen Kirkman

SF SKETCHFEST STAND-UP THREESOME: TODD BARRY, ROB DELANEY AND MARY LYNN RAJSKUB

Hosted by Michael Capozzola

FEB 2, 8PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB

Todd Barry



Rob Delaney

Mary Lynn Rajskub

The best things come in threes! Join Todd Barry (*Flight of the Conchords*), Twitter king Rob Delaney and Mary Lynn Rajskub (*24*) for a night of co-headlining sets, hosted by Michael Capozzola (*The San Francisco Chronicle's* Surveillance Caricatures).

SF SKETCHFEST STANDS-UP: NATASHA LEGGERO & CHELSEA PERETTI

Hosted by April Richardson

JAN 27, 8PM AT THE PURPLE ONION

A trio of fantastically funny ladies take to the intimate Purple Onion stage for an evening of stand-up comedy. Natasha Leggero (*Last Comic Standing*), Chelsea Peretti (*Parks and Recreation*) and host April Richardson (*Chelsea Lately*) come together for one show only!

Natasha Leggero

Chelsea Peretti

April Richardson

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STAND-UP

THE SF SKETCHFEST DOZEN: THE NEXT WAVE OF STAND-UP COMEDY STARS

SF Sketchfest shines the light on twelve exceptional stand-up comedians on the rise. Catch them in co-headlining pairs each weekend of the festival at the Punch Line Comedy Club.

THE DOZEN: RON FUNCHES & NICK THUNE

HOSTED BY JANINE BRITO

JAN 20, 8PM AT THE PUNCH LINE
JAN 21, 10:15PM AT THE PUNCH LINE

Ron Funches

Nick Thune

Ron Funches has made new friends and fans across the country with his unique delivery and child-like demeanor. Ron recently made his TV debut on *Conan* and was included in "Best of Fest" at the prestigious Montreal Just For Laughs Festival.

Nick Thune's absurdist view and deadpan wit combined with the soothing lull of his guitar have distinguished his unique style of comedy. He has appeared on *The Tonight Show*, *Conan*, *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon,* and his own Comedy Central special.

THE DOZEN: MOSHE KASHER & JESSI KLEIN

HOSTED BY EDWIN LI

JAN 20, 10:15PM AT THE PUNCH LINE
JAN 21, 8PM AT THE PUNCH LINE

Moshe Kasher. Comedian. Child Genius. Jew. Jew Comedian. OBGYN. Pleasure center. Good tipper. Guiding light. Beefcake. He lives alone in LA. Featured on: *Late Night With Jimmy Fallon*, *Live at Gotham*, *Chelsea Lately*, Just For Laughs, SXSW, Sasquatch Festival, Vancouver ComedyFest, Bridgetown Comedy Festival.

Jessi Klein has written for *Saturday Night Live*, *Michael and Michael Have Issues*, *Samantha Who* and before that was a writer and performer on *The Showbiz Show With David Spade*. Jessi has appeared on *Best Week Ever*, *The Borowitz Report*, *Premium Blend* and *Comedy Central Presents*.

Moshe Kasher

Jessi Klein

THE DOZEN: NIKKI GLASER & BRENDON WALSH

HOSTED BY MATT MORALES

JAN 27, 8PM AT THE PUNCH LINE
JAN 28, 10:15PM AT THE PUNCH LINE

Nikki Glaser

Brendon Walsh

Nikki Glaser started in the business at 18 years old and at age 21 was the youngest comedian to ever advance to the semi-final round on *Last Comic Standing*. Nikki has performed at Just For Laughs and has appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*.

Brendon Walsh won the "Funniest Person In Austin" contest in 2004 and that same year appeared on *Jimmy Kimmel Live* as his original character, "Scary Monster" (a terrible monster stand up comedian). He has appeared on *Premium Blend*, *Last Comic Standing* and *Conan*.

STAND-UP

THE SF SKETCHFEST DOZEN: THE NEXT WAVE OF STAND-UP COMEDY STARS

THE DOZEN: MYQ KAPLAN & SHENG WANG

HOSTED BY KEITH LOWELL JENSEN

JAN 27, 10:15PM AT THE PUNCH LINE

JAN 28, 8PM AT THE PUNCH LINE

Myq Kaplan

Sheng Wang

Myq Kaplan is a comedian named Myq Kaplan (pronounced "Mike Kaplan"). Myq has appeared on *The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien*, *Late Show with David Letterman*, *Conan* and his own *Comedy Central Presents*. He was recently a finalist on *Last Comic Standing*.

Sheng Wang is a Taiwanese Texan who honed his comedy in the thriving standup community of the Bay Area. He performs jokes based on personal experiences and addresses common nonsense with honesty and ill logic. He has appeared on *Live at Gotham* and *Comedy Central Presents*.

THE DOZEN: RACHEL FEINSTEIN & PETE HOLMES

HOSTED BY DAVE THOMASON

FEB 3, 8PM AT THE PUNCH LINE

FEB 4, 10:15PM AT THE PUNCH LINE

Rachel Feinstein

Pete Holmes

Rachel Feinstein grew up outside Washington DC, the daughter of a civil rights lawyer and a blues musician, giving her a keen eye for the absurd and unjust. Rachel was a finalist on *Last Comic Standing* and appeared on *Comedy Central Presents* and *The Venture Brothers*.

Pete Holmes is a comedian, actor, improviser, writer and cartoonist. Credits include *Comedy Central Presents*, *John Oliver's New York Stand-Up Show*, *Ugly Americans* and *Conan*. His cartoons have been published in *The New Yorker*. He currently works as a staff writer on *I Hate My Teenage Daughter*.

THE DOZEN: KYLE KINANE & MORGAN MURPHY

HOSTED BY MILES K

FEB 3, 10:15PM AT THE PUNCH LINE

FEB 4, 8PM AT THE PUNCH LINE

Kyle Kinane

Morgan Murphy

Kyle Kinane has been up and at it for almost half his life, mostly searching for what "it" might be. He was on *Comedy Central Presents* and BBC's *The World Stands Up*. He was called "bleak and misanthropic" by the *London Evening Standard*, which he feels may be a compliment.

Morgan Murphy has appeared on *Premium Blend* and in *Comedians of Comedy: Live at the Troubador* and *World's Greatest Dad*. An Emmy nominated writer, Morgan has written for *Jimmy Kimmel Live* and *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*. She currently writes for *2 Broke Girls*.

SKETCH

BOB ODENKIRK WITH THE BIRTHDAY BOYS IN "SEVEN-MAN SWEATER"

FEB 4, 8PM & 10:30PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE

See Bob and UCB Theatre favorite The Birthday Boys in a sketch show directed by Bob Odenkirk (*Mr. Show*, *Breaking Bad*)! Don't miss this mix of live sketches and video shorts, including the story of seven guys stuck in one amazing burdensome sweater. The Birthday Boys are regularly featured on Funny Or Die and Atom.com.

THE WHITEST KIDS U'KNOW

JAN 26, 8PM AT COBB'S COMEDY CLUB

The Whitest Kids U'Know started doing shows in the Lower East side of Manhattan in 2003. They won 'Best Sketch Group' at the Aspen Comedy Festival in 2006, have had over 50 million views on YouTube, and completed 5 seasons of their self-titled comedy show on the IFC Network. They recently finished their first film *The Civil War on Drugs* and are working on their second.

KILLING MY LOBSTER

JAN 28, 8PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE
FEB 1, 8PM AT THE EUREKA THEATRE

Killing My Lobster was hailed by the *SF Chronicle* as "the closest thing we have to Second City;" heralded as "an orgy of comic genius" by Comedy Central; and voted "Best Comedy Group" by *The San Francisco Bay Guardian*. KML shows incorporate live music, multimedia, and thematically coherent through-lines, with a consistent emphasis on high production value.

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Don't We Boys: JAN 20, 8PM DR & JAN 21,10PM DR

Everything Jamboree: JAN 25, 8PM ET

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Hip Hop Penguin: FEB 3, 10PM DR & FEB 4, 8PM DR

Hollywood Saturday Night: JAN 28, 8PM & 10PM DR

Jill Bourque: FEB 1, 8PM ET

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Joseph Scrimshaw and the Comedy of Doom: JAN 21, 8PM DR

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Michael Meehan: Hey Monster! Hands off My City!: JAN 25, 8PM ET

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Oh Theodora: FEB 3, 8PM DR & FEB 4, 10PM DR

Scott Vermeire: Hiding Places and Places to Hide: JAN 26, 8PM ET

Seth and Kellen: FEB 2, 8PM DR & FEB 3, 8PM DR

Snob Theatre: JAN 31, 8PM ET

Stupid Time Machine: JAN 20, 10PM DR & JAN 21, 8PM DR

Taste Better Wit: JAN 20, 8PM DR & JAN 27, 10PM DR

Teenager of the Year: JAN 29, 8PM ET

Thunderstood: FEB 1, 8PM ET & FEB 2, 8PM DR

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SF Sketchfest once again teams with Rooftop Comedy, the San Francisco-based Internet hub for great stand-up clips and full-length comedy albums, for a series of six showcases introducing audiences to over thirty great new voices on the stand-up scene.

Andres du Bouchet, Caitlin Gill, Reid Faylor, Barbara Gray and Keith Lowell Jensen.
Hosted by Dave Thomason: JAN 20, 10:30PM AT THE PURPLE ONION

Mike Brown, JC Coccoli, Barbara Holm, Jeff MacKinnon, Adam Paul and Lance Weiss.
Hosted by Jules Posner: JAN 21, 10:30PM AT THE PURPLE ONION

Robert Buscemi, Ed Hill, Casey Ley, Andrew Short and Beth Stelling.
Hosted by Chris Garcia: JAN 27, 10:30PM AT THE PURPLE ONION

Josh Gondelman, Chris Locke, Cory Loykasek, Coree Spencer and Andy Wood.
Hosted by April Richardson: JAN 28, 10:30PM AT THE PURPLE ONION

Sean Keane, Aparna Nancherla, Kevin O'Shea, Grant Pardee and Chris Thayer.
Hosted by Edwin Li: FEB 3, 10:30PM AT THE PURPLE ONION

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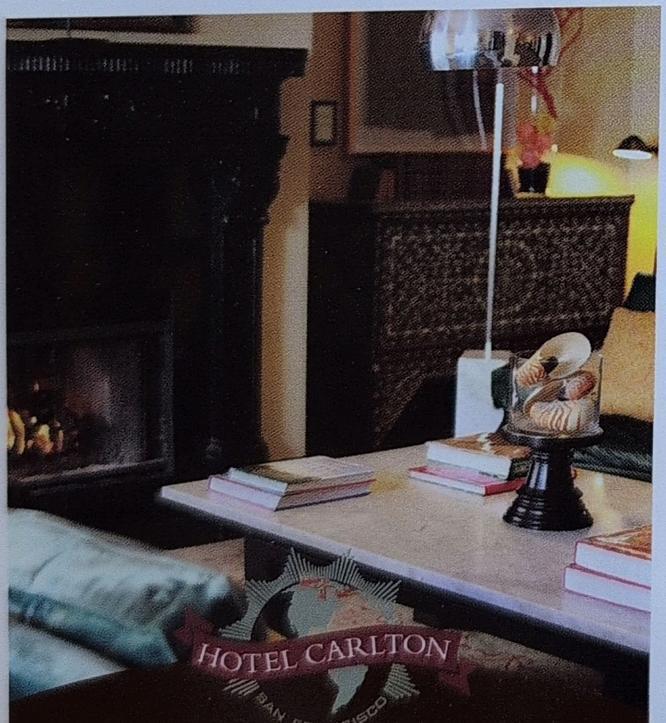

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